



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 General PTA Meeting
September 9, 2021 6:30-8pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Kate Moore, Cindy Heidelberg, Katherine Bennett, Alicia Every, Charles Cutter, Lauren Musladin, Hannah Tracy, Ben Ostrom, Erin Mich, Jess Andre, E-Ching Ong, Zach Peterson, Colleen Peterson, Alicia Peterson, Tim Albertson, Trey Sanders, Mary Ann Lambert, Dylan Paschke, Melissa Boggs, Ellie Robinson, Brian White, Adrianna Johnson, Marjon Shariat, Ramiro, Erika Whinihan, Shawna Murphy, Marisa Tanji, Margo Bergman, Bray Haydan, M.C. Nachtigal, Lauren Brohawn, Brian S, Adrienne Ollershaw, Brian White, Adrianna Johnson, Heidi Paulson, Margo Bergman, Melissa Boggs, Grace Hulse

- I. Call Meeting to Order (Kate Moore - VP) - 5 Minutes
 - a. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2020 – (3 minutes)
 - i. Summarized by Cindy Heidelberg.
 - ii. Approved by motion and quorum.
 - b. Introduction of PTA – history, mission, purpose (3 minutes)
 - c. Read standing rules (approved June 10, 2021) - Jess Andre (15 minutes)
 - d. Open Positions (VP & Co-Treasurer) - Kate Moore (5 minutes)
 - i. VP, Co-Treasurer, and Advocacy Chair
 1. Advocacy meeting this weekend:
 - a. SCPTSA Advocacy Meeting
 - b. Friday afternoon, September 10, 1PM-2:30PM
 - c. Saturday morning, September 11, 10AM-11:30AM
 - d. Monday evening, September 13 7:30PM - 9:00PM
 - e. To RSVP email samantha.fogg@scptsa.org
 - ii. Enrichment coordinator – enrichment and coordinator on hold due to Covid, but hopefully can restart soon
- II. Principal's Update (Ben Ostrom) - 20 Minutes
 - a. Story - Jordan and the stopwatch (take the time to listen)
 - b. Lunch safety update:
 - i. Outdoor lunch has been implemented. 3 kids at a table + outdoor lunch. Lots of spread (more so than if all were outside)
 - ii. Kindergarteners are all outside
 - c. Middle school science CTE program update -
 - i. District was clear that must teach Amplified Science K-8. Didn't have capacity to do both that and CTE program (don't have extra staff).
 - ii. Current situation:
 1. Teaching Amplified Science.



2. Embarking on a much longer conversation about flexibility and needs of K-8s and option schools.
3. Cobbled together some extra money to pay for a .5 middle school science teacher. That allows a CTE Engineering class as a Pathway class (not open to all, but open to some).

d. Q & A

i. Status of enrichment: none right now; depends on a lot of things, including covid spread.

ii. COVID:

1. Covid notifications:

- a. Contact tracing handled by the district – immediately after hours and on weekends. Delta moves quicker so they are working fast.
- b. Anyone with direct exposure (within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes, or adult within 6 feet) is contacted by contract tracing team
- c. Then families in any class that the student was in are notified, even if no “direct exposure.” If middle school, notify each class they had.
 - i. Don’t have to quarantine or test in that situation. If need to, will get a call from contact tracing.

2. Covid data distribution/Covid dashboard

- a. Not going to be school specific.
- b. PTA consulting with Ostrom to see if PTA can post stats per class (not names of students; just data on # of cases).

3. Resuming bussing – if you’re driving your kids until vaccinated, can contact to reactivate bussing later, and should be okay. If single bus stop (and not an already existing one), might take a little longer to get going (bus driver shortage is ongoing)

4. Covid testing

- a. If student requests a test, will test.
- b. If contact tracer identifies student, family is eligible too
- c. Has been between 1-4 days.

III. Room liaisons – Jess Andre (2 minutes)

- a. Seeking volunteers! Will hear more.

IV. Budget Review (last year)- Jess Andre

- a. Total raised: \$92k. Spent \$92k.
- b. Overview: did well in a difficult year, even though couldn’t hold auction IRL
- c. Upped giving tree because so many families were struggling during COVID (\$24k, served 52 families)
- d. Funded library at typical levels
- e. Added funding for school garden
- f. Teacher appreciation



- g. PBL and classroom support
 - h. Welcome back kits
 - i. Sanilso funding (sister school)
 - j. Updated emergency packs
- V. Treasurer's report – Trey Sanders
- a. Spending guided by mission and values
 - b. Buckets
 - i. Stem curriculum support
 - 1. PBL, classroom funds, fellowship support, field trip support
 - ii. School (grounds, gardens, etc), teachers and staff
 - iii. Student/family/community
 - 1. Activities, family support
 - iv. Enrichment classes, coordinator, scholarships
- VI. Events update (nothing on school grounds at this point b/c of covid) – 10 minutes
- a. Back to School Bash – 5-7pm – picnic shelter closer to northern playground and shelter (Shelter # 5 by wading pool)
 - b. Harvest Fest – late October – TBD
- VII. Committee updates:
- a. Fundraising – Margo Bergman - 5 minutes
 - i. 3 primary events raise most of the \$\$
 - 1. Direct give
 - 2. Auction – late March/early April
 - a. Hoping for in person, we'll see
 - b. Fundraising committee – Wed, September 15 5-7pm
 - c. Art raffle
 - b. Membership - Alicia Every - 5 minutes
 - i. Trying to make it more enticing to join: membership is now free!
 - ii. Making it easier to participate: Zoom option will stay even when we go back in person
 - iii. Creating more 1 off opportunities
 - c. Race & Equity Committee – Hannah Tracy – 5 minutes
 - i. Working on possible events.
 - ii. Working on membership.
 - iii. Working on family engagement issues
 - iv. Coordinator with statewide group
 - v. raceandequity@stemk8pta.org
 - d. GGLOW - Shawna Murphy – 5 minutes
 - i. 5 years: Pride event
 - ii. Transgender awareness week
 - iii. November meeting - book discussion
- VIII. Questions, comments, concerns



- a. Parents would love to see where the kids go - videos, pictures
- b. Emergency plan?
 - i. Updated plan is due on October 1. Ben not sure whether publicly accessible.

IX. How to join the PTA:

- a. <https://forms.gle/9AA8u5a3gmpMf9ri8>

X. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting is October 14 -6:30-8pm
- b.